

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF GRAYCE UYEHARA

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 30, 2014*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Grayce Uyehara who was instrumental in securing redress for the Japanese Americans incarcerated during the Second World War.

Born Grayce Kaneda on July 4, 1919, in Stockton, California, Uyehara and her family were incarcerated at the Stockton Assembly Center and the Rohwer Relocation Center. A leader in the Japanese American community, Uyehara served in leadership positions at all levels of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), including as president of the Philadelphia chapter and governor of the Eastern District Council, in addition to service on national JACL committees.

In 1985, Uyehara was appointed as the executive of the JACL Legislative Education Committee, which was established to advocate for the final phases of the redress campaign. Uyehara was a catalyzing force in organizing participation of the community across the nation. During the push for final passage of the Civil Liberties Act, Uyehara mobilized a grassroots campaign through her Action Alerts and inundated the White House with letters of support. The Japanese American community celebrated on August 10, 1988, when President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act into law, which formally apologized for the violations of the civil liberties and constitutional rights of Japanese Americans and issued monetary reparations.

Uyehara's spirit, activism, and drive served and continue to serve as a model of leadership for succeeding generations of Japanese Americans. I was honored to work with her on the passage of redress and I celebrate her many achievements.

### IN HONOR OF GEORGE TANIMURA

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 30, 2014*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American, George Tanimura, on the occasion of his reaching his 100th year. George has lived a remarkable life that has spanned the Great Depression, WWII, and the rise of the modern information economy. In that time George confronted prejudice, helped to rebuild a dislocated community, nurtured a large extended family, and fostered the development of the modern produce industry. George is a farmer's farmer. As one of the founders of the Tanimura & Antle, he has helped build one of the nation's largest private lettuce producers. So while you may have

never heard of George Tanimura, I can guarantee that every Member of this House has eaten something that George and his family have grown. He has planted and nurtured a legacy that will produce a crop for generations to come.

George was born in San Juan Bautista on July 2, 1915. His parents had emigrated from Japan to build a better life in the United States. While attending grammar school in Castroville, George thinned iceberg lettuce on his father's small farm. After his mother died, George, the eldest of 12 siblings, had to leave high school to farm with his father. Then when George was just 16, his father died leaving George with the responsibility for the family and their farm. In the midst of the depression, George became the patriarch of his large family. Under his leadership, the Tanimura children began their own prosperous farming operations.

However, just as they were recovering, the U.S. entry into WWII turned the Tanimuras' lives upside down. In 1942, they found themselves imprisoned by our government along with other Americans of Japanese descent in remote internment camps across the desert West. And even though the Tanimuras lost everything, two of his brothers fought with the U.S. Army in Europe. For George, his time in the camp offered him another opportunity to find fortune in the midst of adversity. He met Masaye Yamauchi and they were married on September 21, 1944. Upon release, the Tanimura family farmed small patches of land, saved the profits, and ultimately purchased their first acre of land. This simple formula began the Tanimuras trek toward the American Dream.

In the late 1950s, the Tanimuras began to grow exclusively for Bud Antle. Bud, and his son Bob, had been working closely with the Tanimura family for many years. Finally in 1982, George and Bob combined over 30 years of mutual friendship, respect, and experience to create Tanimura & Antle. The new company combined the Antle's shipping and marketing savvy with the Tanimura's growing expertise. That combination has helped T&A grow into one of the world's premier fresh produce companies. And it forms the basis of T&A's continued success.

Family and community are very important to George. George and Masaye have two children, Glenn (Sheila) Tanimura and Leslie (Ken) Morishita. They also have 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. George has served countless community efforts giving his leadership, dedication, and wealth to making his region a better place for all families. But his deep sense of humility keeps him from claiming any recognition other than his simple refrain of "it doesn't matter, I'm just a farmer."

That, Mr. Speaker, is the essence of George Tanimura—a humble farmer whose hard work and integrity have helped create one of the pillars of the American agricultural economy. George and the men and women like him are the bed rock of our nation. I know I speak for the whole House in extending the

gratitude of the United States to George and his family for 100 years of excellence.

### NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2014*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3301) to require approval for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines or electric transmission facilities at the national boundary of the United States for the import or export of oil, natural gas, or electricity to or from Canada or Mexico, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3301, which would dramatically weaken the public input and environmental review process for cross-border pipelines.

Cross-border pipelines can be enormously complex projects, spanning hundreds of miles and operating for decades. The bill before us today would limit environmental review of these projects to the narrow segment that actually crosses the border, preventing analysis of the full scope of impacts on private property, public safety, and water quality. And it would exempt modifications to existing pipelines from any federal review, so a pipeline's capacity could be increased significantly, its contents could be changed, or its flow could be reversed without any discussion of the impacts of those decisions.

Moreover, this bill opens the door to unlimited natural gas exports by lifting all restrictions on exports to Canada or Mexico. Those exports could then be shipped anywhere in the world without approval or review of impacts on domestic energy prices. A number of American manufacturers have expressed concern about unchecked LNG exports raising their costs of doing business and increasing the price of consumer goods.

Once again, we have a bill on the floor of this House that limits public comment and short-circuits the cost-benefit analysis. While we all want these reviews to operate efficiently, we should not place arbitrary restrictions that fail to give regulators enough information to make a responsible decision. I urge a no vote.

### COMMEMORATING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 30, 2014*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the enactment of the G.I. Bill.

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